

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1 1. A system that prevents fragments of a disc from escaping from a
2 drive, the system comprising:
3 a drive; and
4 a fragment barricade affixed within the drive,
5 wherein the fragment barricade is positioned within the drive so as to
6 prevent fragments of a disc from escaping from the drive.

1 2. The system of claim 1 wherein the fragment barricade is fixedly
2 mounted within the drive.

1 3. The system of claim 1 wherein the drive includes a top enclosure
2 and the fragment barricade is mounted within the top enclosure.

1 4. The system of claim 1 wherein the drive is a CD-ROM drive.

1 5. The system of claim 1 wherein the fragment barricade is formed
2 from a metal.

1 6. The system of claim 1 wherein the fragment barricade is formed
2 from a hard material.

1 7. The system of claim 1 wherein the fragment barricade is formed
2 from a flexible material.

1 8. The system of claim 1 wherein the fragment barricade is an
2 elongate member.

1 9. The system of claim 1 wherein the fragment barricade includes an
2 attachment element.

1 10. A fragment barricade comprising an elongate member, wherein the
2 fragment barricade is positionable within a drive so as to prevent fragments of a disc from
3 escaping from the drive.

1 11. A method of preventing fragments of a disc from escaping from a
2 drive, the method comprising:
3 providing a drive;
4 providing a fragment barricade; and
5 affixing the fragment barricade within the drive;
6 wherein the fragment barricade is positioned within the drive so as to prevent fragments of a
7 disc from escaping from the drive.